

March 26, 2024

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

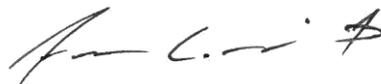
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 554 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 554 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 554 would specify that a fertilized human ovum or human embryo that exists in any form outside the uterus of a human body shall not be considered an unborn child, a minor child, a natural person, or any other term that connotes a human being for any purpose under Kansas law. The bill would define the term “embryo” and would take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Kansas Attorney General’s Office notes that enactment of SB 554 could lead to legal challenges, but due to the unpredictable costs associated with litigation, a total fiscal effect could not be estimated. The Office of Judicial Administration states that enactment of SB 554 would not have a significant fiscal effect on the expenditures or revenues for the Judicial Branch. According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the University of Kansas Medical Center, enactment of SB 554 would not result in a fiscal effect for either agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 554 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jeff Dewitt, University of Kansas  
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